AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

determining whether a first task in a multi-processor logically-partitioned computer system is allowed to use a service-enabled resource, wherein the service-enabled resource is disabled until a fee is paid, wherein a plurality of tasks execute in the multi-processor logically-partitioned computer system, wherein the first task is one of the plurality of tasks, wherein the multi-processor logically-partitioned computer system comprises a plurality of logical partitions, and wherein each of the plurality of logical partitions executes a different operating system;

if the first task is allowed to use the service-enabled resource, allocating the service-enabled resource to the first task, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises a service processor in the multi-processor logically-partitioned computer system, wherein the service processor manages system initial program loads, wherein the allocating further comprises dispatching the first task to the service processor and adding the service processor to a shared pool associated with a first logical partition to which the first task belongs, wherein the first logical partition is one of the plurality of logical partitions, wherein the allocating further comprises checking a data structure comprising a plurality of task identifiers of the plurality of tasks and respective service-enabled indicators, wherein the respective service-enabled indicator indicates whether the respective task identified by the respective task identifier is allowed to use the service-enabled resource, wherein some of the plurality of tasks identifiers indicate that their respective tasks are allowed to use the service-enabled resource and other of the plurality of task identifiers indicate that their respective tasks are not allowed to use the service-enabled resource, and wherein the first task comprises a performance monitoring task; and

if the first task is not allowed to use the service-enabled resource, allocating a non-service enabled resource to the first task, wherein no fee is required to use the non-service enabled resource.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first task checks a level of the respective operating system.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first task monitors performance.

Claims 4-16 (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A method for configuring a computer, wherein the method comprises:

configuring the computer to determine whether a first task in a multi-processor logically-partitioned computer system is allowed to use a service-enabled resource, wherein the service-enabled resource is disabled until a fee is paid, wherein a plurality of tasks execute in the multi-processor logically-partitioned computer system, wherein the first task is one of the plurality of tasks, wherein the multi-processor logically-partitioned computer system comprises a plurality of logical partitions, and wherein each of the plurality of logical partitions executes a different operating system;

configuring the computer to, if the first task is allowed to use the service-enabled resource, allocate the service-enabled resource to the first task, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises a service processor in the multi-processor logically-partitioned computer system, wherein the service processor manages system initial program loads, wherein the configuring the computer to allocate further comprises configuring the computer to dispatch the first task to the service processor and add the service processor to a shared pool associated with a first logical partition to which the first task belongs, wherein the first logical partition is one of the plurality of logical partitions, wherein the configuring the computer to allocate further comprises configuring the computer to check a data structure comprising a plurality of task identifiers of the plurality of tasks and respective service-enabled indicators, wherein the respective service-enabled indicator indicates whether the respective task identified by the respective task identifier is allowed to use the service-enabled resource, wherein some of

the plurality of tasks identifiers indicate that their respective tasks are allowed to use the service-enabled resource and other of the plurality of task identifiers indicate that their respective tasks are not allowed to use the service-enabled resource, and wherein the first task comprises a performance monitoring task; and

configuring the computer to, if the first task is not allowed to use the service-enabled resource, allocate a non-service enabled resource to the first task, wherein no fee is required to use the non-service enabled resource.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the first task checks a level of the respective operating system.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the first task monitors performance.

Claims 20-28 (Canceled)